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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Francisco – Police Investigate Propane Tank in Front of Russian Consulate

(U) A San Francisco Police Department bomb squad closed off the street in front of the Russian consulate after a propane tank was left at the building in the Pacific Heights neighborhood. The location where the suspicious item was left is near the Consulate General of Russia, located at 2790 Green Street. The squad determined the “suspicious object” was not a hazard, according to police.

SOURCE: 26 December 2016, [NBC Bay Area](#), [KGO-TV](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) Illinois – 57 Shot, 11 Fatally, Over Christmas Weekend

(U) Chicago – Thirteen people were wounded in shootings yesterday which brought the number of people shot since Christmas weekend began last Friday to 50. Eleven of the 57 people shot over the holiday weekend died from their wounds. More than a dozen others were listed in serious or critical condition. Much of the violence happened in areas with historical gang conflicts on the south and west side of Chicago. Ninety percent of those killed had gang affiliations and criminal histories, according to Chicago police.

SOURCE: 26 December 2016, [Chicago Tribune](#)

(U) Tennessee – Reports of Mall Disturbances Light Up Social Media

(U) Memphis – Reports of mall melees and disturbances were reported across social media yesterday as Americans swarmed shopping hubs for post-holiday sales. Disturbances led to some malls being evacuated in Elizabeth, NJ; Fayetteville, NC; East Garden City, NY; Aurora, CO; Tempe, AZ; Beachwood Place, OH; and Memphis, TN. Fights and false reports of shootings flooded social media in the aforementioned areas, including posts showing police officers with guns responding to an incident at a food court in Elizabeth, NJ. Two incidents were similar to others across the county, but Memphis police couldn't confirm any sort of coordinated effort just a lot of social media chatter.

SOURCE: 27 December 2016, [USA Today](#)

(U) Washington – FBI Investigating FDIC Computer Breach Linked to Chinese Military

(U) District of Columbia – The FBI is investigating how hackers infiltrated computers at the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC) for several years beginning in 2010 in a breach senior FDIC officials believe was sponsored by China's military, according to people with knowledge of the matter. The FDIC is one of three federal agencies that regulate commercial banks in the US. Hackers gained access to dozens of computers including the workstation for former FDIC chairwoman Sheila Bair. A congressional committee has included the case in an ongoing probe.

SOURCE: 23 December 2016, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Nigeria – Key Boko Haram Camp Falls to Nigerian Troops

(U) Borno – The Nigerian army has captured a key Boko Haram camp in Sambisa Forest in the northeastern state of Borno, according to President Muhammadu Buari. Nigerian army officers said that military operations against Boko Haram would continue within Sambisa Forest and surrounding areas, where the Chibok schoolgirls who were abducted two years ago are believed to be held. Boko Haram militants kidnaped an estimated 276 girls from a boarding school in April 2014. Boko Haram, which opposes Western education, wants to set up an Islamic caliphate in Nigeria, and are affiliated with the Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIL). A UN report released this month indicates 8.5 million people in northeastern Nigeria are in dire need of humanitarian aid after years of violence by Boko Haram.

SOURCE: 24 December 2016, [CNN](#)

(U) Philippines – Alleged Abu Sayyaf Kidnapper Arrested in Zamboanga City

(U) Zamboanga City – Joint military and police forces arrested an Abu Sayyaf leader who is believed to be involved in the kidnapping of tourists from Samal Island and a former Italian priest. The suspect was identified as Hairulla Asbang alias Ahadi, sub-leader of the Sulu-based Abu Sayyaf group, according to the Western Mindanao Command. Asbang was previously wounded in an encounter with the Army Scout Rangers at Bud Dajo in Patikul, Sulu on 26 August. Eight Abu Sayyaf were killed in the firefight with Rangers including its leader Kahal Mohammad.

SOURCE: 27 December 2016, [Philippine Star](#)

(U) Russia – Russia Rules Out Terrorism as Cause of Christmas Day Plane Crash

(U) Moscow – Russia has ruled out any foul play in the Christmas Day aircraft accident in the Black Sea in which 92 people on board the Tupolev 154 were killed after it crashed in route to Syria. Most of the passengers were on their way to play a Christmas concert in Aleppo, Syria, for Russian service personnel. Nearly 3500 people are involved in the search operation for bodies and aircraft debris. The aircraft's black box has already been found, along with the main part of the fuselage, but the authorities are now concentrating their inquiry into either a technical fault, or human error as the cause of the crash.

SOURCE: 26 December 2016, [EURONEWS](#)

(U) Tunisia – Nephew of Berlin Attacker, Two Others Arrested

(U) Tunis – The nephew of the Tunisian national suspected in the Berlin truck attack along with two others were arrested in Tunisia as part of a terror cell, according to officials. The unnamed nephew told police that his uncle, Anis Amri, made him swear allegiance to ISIL via the communication app Telegram, which they used to escape security observation because it is encoded, according to the Tunisian Ministry of Interior. Officials said the nephew confessed that Amri sent him money with another person's ID through the mail so he could come to Germany to join him. Amri was killed last week in a gun battle with police in Milan, Italy. German officials have said Amri was in contact with an alleged ISIL recruiter and that he wanted his nephew to join the terrorist group.

SOURCE: 24 December 2016, [NBC News](#)

(U) Turkey – Turkey Arrested Some 1,700 People in Last Eight Days for PKK, Gülen or ISIL Contacts

(U) Istanbul – Nearly 1,700 people have been arrested in Turkey in the past eight days in more than 200 raids on suspected followers of the exiled preacher Fethullah Gülen, Kurdish guerrillas (PKK) or ISIL, according to the Turkish Interior Ministry. Police killed four people during the raids and they also seized 132 pounds of explosive material, 12 hand grenades, and 36 weapons, according to the ministry. Turkish authorities have arrested 78 alleged members of ISIL, of whom 12 have remained in custody.

SOURCE: 27 December 2016, [Latin American Herald Tribune](#)

(U) SOUTHERN BORDER

(U) Arizona -- Border Patrol Discover \$3.25M Worth of Marijuana in Shipment of Strawberry Jam

(U) Nogales – A shipment of strawberry jam was confiscated by US Customs officials after it was found to be concealing a drug shipment worth roughly \$3.25 million. US Customs and Border Protection (CBP) officers arrested a tractor-trailer driver at the Mariposa Commercial Facility in Nogales, AZ, after finding 6,500 pounds of marijuana concealed in vats. A narcotic-detention canine led CBP officers to discover the drugs. The 51-year-old male driver traveling from Nogales, Sonora, Mexico was arrested.

SOURCE: 23 December 2016, [Chron](#)

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